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Attention: Ms. Sue Kiser

Attention: Mr. Ray Sukys

Dear Ms. Kiser and Mr. Sukys:

With this letter and pursuant to the authority delegated to me, I approve the following Amendment of the San Joaquin Council of Governments' (SJCOG) 2002/03-2004/05 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP):

<u>No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
5	<b>Transit Element</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Changes the schedule from fiscal year (FY) 2002/03 to 2004/05 and reduces the amount of Congestion Mitigation &amp; Air Quality (CMAQ) funding for the San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission (SJRRRC) rail cars purchase project (MPO ID SJ102N) from \$2,880,000 to \$2,528,000.</li><li>• Adds the following three new projects using funds reduced from the above project:<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Operating Assistance for Bus Transit Service between the Stockton ACE Station and the Lathrop ACE Station.</li><li>2. Operating Assistance for ACE Midday Bus Transit Service.</li><li>3. Planning Study for Central Valley Commuter Rail Service.</li></ol></li></ul>

I am also recommending that the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration approve this FTIP Amendment for inclusion into California's 2002/03-2004/05 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). Projects included in this FTIP in fiscal years not within the three-year cycle of the current FSTIP are not approved as part of this FTIP Amendment and are shown for information only.

The projects in this FTIP amendment have been found by SJCOG to be exempt from the conformity determination requirement. Therefore, this FTIP amendment is consistent with the State Implementation Plan. The financial impacts of this

amendment are compatible with anticipated revenues in the FSTIP Financial Plan and do not significantly affect the overall financial analysis. These projects are included and submitted by SJCOG through the California Transportation Improvement Program System (CTIPS). Caltrans concerns, if any, are reflected in the "Caltrans comment" section of the FTIP Project Data Entry screen in CTIPS project by project.

In accordance with existing law, public involvement procedures are a part of the project selection process. The SJCOG prepared this FTIP Amendment under that process permitting citizens, affected local agencies, other public agencies, and other interested parties reasonable opportunity for comment.

Please address any questions on this FSTIP approval request to Muhaned Aljabiry of my staff, at (916) 654-3521.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY

JIM NICHOLAS

Chief

Division of Transportation Programming

Enclosures

c: Karina O'Connor - EPA Office of Air Planning (w/enclosure)  
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FTIP Binder (w/original)